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# Social Service Department Plans Active Work

Council of Advise, Meeting in Chicago, Outlines Social Service Work for the Year

From the four corners of the country and from each of the eight provinces of the Church, the members of the Council of Advice to the Secretary of the Department of Social Service of the National Council came together in Chicago to discuss social service plans for the coming year. In addition to Dean Lathrop, the National Secretary, the following were present: Miss Ann Vernon, Providence, R. I.; the Rev. Charles K. Gilbert of New York; the Rev. R. P. Kreitler of Scranton, Pa.; the Rev. David R. Covell of Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Charles L. Street of Chicago; the Rev. Herman Page of Okanogan, Wash.; the Rev. G. S. Keller of Winona, Minn.; the Rev. L. N. Taylor of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and the Rev. L. V. Lee of Houston, Texas, representing the Rev. R. De Ovies.

It was agreed that the parish is the logical unit for the development of social service work in the Church, and that each parish should have a social service committee.

A resolution was passed urging that the Diocesan Commissions and the parish committees select some one problem for study and action during the coming year. The three following problems were selected as particularly important:

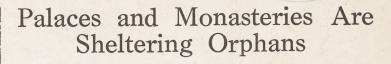
- 1. County Jail.
- 2. County Poor Farms.
- 3. Child Placing and Child Welfare.

The committee was unanimous in its approval of the plan of having children placed in private homes rather than in in-It was shown that there are more children of Church parents available for adoption than there are Church families willing to take care of them. In some cases these children are being adopted and brought up by members of other churches, notably the Roman Catholic Church. "Church Homes for Church Children" should be our slogan.

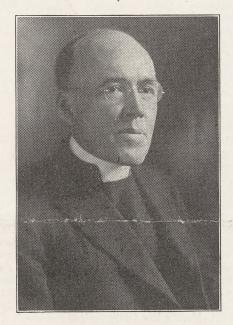
The Social Service Department plans to give more courses in the summer schools than it has during the past years.

A special effort is going to be made to provide an interesting social service program for the young people who are coming each year in greater numbers to the summer conferences. The Rev. Herman Page was appointed on a committee to develop a suitable course for use with young people in the summer schools.

Dr. Joel D. Hunter, Superintendent of the United Charities of Chicago, expressed



The Homes of Kings Now Being Used To Shelter the Children of the Near East



Rev. Dr. Milton

The Field Department reports the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Milton as Executive Secretary to take effect December 31, The Council at its meeting last week expressed its sincere appreciation of the loyal and efficient services performed by Dr. Milton during his term of office.

himself with regard to co-operation between the Church and social agencies outside of the Church. Mr. Hunter was of the opinion that the Church should not turn all its relief cases over to the Charities. He said that on general principles he was opposed to bringing new workers count of the enormous amount of work that charity organization societies have to do, it was frequently impossible to keep in touch with families after the actual need of relief ceases. He suggested that

in to re-investigate families in troubles. When the family and its problems are well known to the clergyman, it is better for him to handle the case himself, with outside advice, if necessary, than to turn it over to some other social organization. However, in cases where there is only a superficial connection with the Church it might well be given to the United Char-Mr. Hunter said also that on ac-

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The ancient royal palace at Athens now shelters four hundred Greek orphans, gathered by the Near East Relief. This former abode of royalty has been tendered by the Greek Government, which has also requisitioned a dozen fashionable summer hotels to be converted into a harbor of refuge for thousands of destitute little ones to be added to the 115,000 orphans which the Near East Relief now

It was a strange coincidence which changed the Kaiser's summer palace on the Island of Corfu into the hands of Near East Relief upon his wedding day. it is the center of our asylum for 2,132 Armenian orphans. Chartered steamers are bringing six thousand abandoned Armenian and Greek children from unsafe Turkish teritory to the islands of the Aegean Sea.

A Sultan's son's estate on the Bosphorus, with its parks and gardens, now provides an industrial home for girls rescued from a fate worse than death. They are being given a training that will-fit them for a happy life and for self-support.

An ancient Monastery on Mt. Athos has been induced to open its doors to three thousand boys, and the cowled monks who were its exclusive occupants and believed that any female, be it woman or hen, would desecrate its sacred precincts, are now finding joy in teaching these homeless, fatherless and motherless children.

It is the same at Jerusalem, where the ancient cloisters of St. James' Armenian Monastery are now the homes and schoolrooms of a thousand children, most of whom had filtered down the Tigris and Euphrates valleys to Bagdad and later were transferred around the Arabian Peninsula to Jerusalem en route back toward their homeland.

Abandoned factories and school buildings on the slopes of Mt. Lebanon harbor five thousands from Harpoot, who had walked five hundred miles to safety, while two miles of discarded Russian army barracks (a hundred and forty-eight buildings) at Alexandropol, under the shadow of Mount Ararat, where the Ark rested, provides refuge for sixteen thousand youngsters rescued from woe and want who are now being given industrial training.

In the orphanages the boys spend half (Continued on page 6)

# GENERAL NEWS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SOCIAL SERVICE PLANS

(Continued from page 1) there was a real opportunity for the Church to step in and assume the care of the family at this point by building up the morale of the family. The Church by its care should be able to do away with the need of the case being reopened and relief administered at some later date.

The Council felt that the Church has a real pastoral obligation to professional social workers who are Church people, an obligation which has not always been met. To bring out the need of added emphasis on the spiritual side of the life of social workers, the Council recommended to the National Council that the second Sunday after Epiphany be set aside each year as the Sunday for a corporate communion of all social workers who are members of the Episcopal Church and a special collect be provided for this Sunday.

The matter of rural work was discussed. It was decided that the whole matter of rural work was so important that a special study should be made of the problems that it involved. The Council of Advice recommended to the National Secretary that a special division of rural work be formed for a sympathetic understanding of these within the department.

The problems of the casual laborer in the far west was brought to the attention of the Council as a particular problem of rural work. Mr. Page of the Diocese of Spokane drew up a statement with regard to this problem, calling upon the Church people for a sympathetic understanding

#### Plan for Raising Million Dollars At Cambridge School

Fifty Alumni from all parts of the country east of the Mississippi River returned to the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge recently to attend the national campaign conference at which plans were formulated for raising a One Million Dollar Endowment Fund for the School. Under the leadership of Bishop Lawrence, who recently raised the Church Pension Fund of over \$8,000,000, the campaign to add \$1,000,000 to the endowment of the Cambridge School will be carried on throughout the country.

The movement has the hearty support of the alumni and friends of the School who are interested in it not merely as an effort to raise a large fund, but also as a means of educating the public to the need of Theological Education. As Bishop Lawrence has said, "The vital need of this country is men of force, character, education and vision-spiritual leaders. In the production of such men the theological school is vital to the church, and it is quite as vital that the public understands its true value."

Several hundred Churchmen of Bosattended a tea in the Wright Memorial Library at the School Wednesday afternoon when Bishop Lawrence and Dean Washburn received the returning alumni. In a brief informal address Bishop Lawrence said he wished to give provincial Boston some idea of the world-wide influence of the School and to show how it had become an important factor in the religious life of the country. He introduced three alumni, the Rev. George E. Norton, rector of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, St. Louis, Mo., the Very Rev. Charles E. Jackson, Dean og St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral, Grand Rapids, Mich., and the Rev. Walter Russell Breed, rector of St. Paul's Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Each of these men told of the definite influence the school had through its alumni, on the life of the Middle West.

The reasons for raising the Million Dollar Fund, and the plans for the campaign were discussed at the dinner to the delegates in Burnham Refectory in the evening. Mr. B. Preston Clark, the executive chairman of the campaign, presided; Mr. William Henry Lincoln, president of the board of trustees, welcomed the delcgates, the Rev. Henry B. Washburn, Dean of the School, spoke on "The Inner Life of the School," and the Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, national chairman of the campaign, spoke on "Why the School Needs One Million Dollars."

#### Bishop MacInnes Visits Grand Rapids

The Rt. Rev. Rennie MacInnes, D. D., Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, paid a visit to Grand Rapids and addressed the Associated Men's Clubs of the city at a luncheon at the Pantlind Hotel. Six hundred men attended and many others were unable to find standing room. The Bishop of Jerusalem was introduced by Bishop McCormick. Sir Harry Lauder, who was also present, followed Bishop MacInnes's address with a moving appeal for close and friendly co-operation between the English speaking people. In the evening at St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral, the Bishop of Jerusalem spoke to a large congregation of the city people on the conditions in the Near East and deprecated the Zionist movement as being political and not religious, and antagonizing Arabs and Christians as well as many orthodox Jews by its frankly materialistic ideals. stressed the importance of keeping up the Anglican organization in Jerusalem as it appeared to be a meeting ground for the many opposing factors and held the respect and friendship of all people.

#### Congregational Minister Helps Ordain a Priest

A very remarkable ordination service was held at Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, Sunday morning, December 10. It was a joint ordination by ministers of Episcopal orders and Dr. Frederick E. Emrich, a minister of the Congregational order.

The occasion was the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Laurence F. Eames, who was made a deacon by Bishop Lawrence in Massachusetts last Ascension Day. Bishop Vincent of Southern Ohio was the ordaining bishop and the Rev. Albion C. Ockenden, the Rev. Lewis B. Whittemore, the Rev. Edwin J. van Etten, were the coordaining presbyters of our church. A most interesting and significant circumstance was the arrangement by which the Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Emrich, minister in

Congregational orders, joined with our clergy and with the bishop in the laying on of hands.

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Probably this is the first time in history that our ministers have joined with Congregational clergymen in an ordination service.

### South Called to Anti-Lynching War

A movement to enlist the 250,000 or ganized women of the Southern Methodist Church in a determined and system atic campaign for the suppression of lynching was launched at Atlanta, Ga., this week. A large group of representative women from thirteen states, all of them officials of the Woman's Missionary Council of Conference Social Service Superintendents, met at the call of the Race Relations Commission of the Council, spent three days in conference, and at the conclusion issued a vigorous address to the public relative to the lynching evil, calling upon the authorities of the several states and counties for its complete suppression and upon the citizens, the pulpit and the press for their united support to this end. The defeat of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill was used to give point to their utterance.

They further pledged themselves, individually and in an official capacity as representing the social service leadership of the organized Methodist women, to a persistent campaign for adequate state laws and for law enforcement. Details of the plan are already being worked out.

### Parochial Mission in Waterbury

The Rev. Walter E. Bentley, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Port Washington, L. I. and Secretary of the Actors' Church Alliance has just closed a very successful 8 day Mission in St. Paul's Parish, Waterbury, Conn. Rev. E. P. S. Spencer, Rector.

There were the usual daily celebrations; services for women and children, Mission services and after meetings each evening together with the Question Box and Inter-

On Saturday evening in the Parish Hall, Mr. Bentley gave the history of the theatre in its relation to the Church with personal reminiscences and Shakespearean selec-

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The National Council of the Church makes an annual appropriation of \$2500. through its Department of Social Service to the Social Service work of the Federal Council of Churches.

As the Federal Council has asked that this appropriation be increased to the amount of \$10,000 or \$15,000; and as the General Convention has requested the Council to approve an appeal for special gifts for this purpose: I am authorized by the National Council to make this appeal for such special contributions which may be sent, properly designated, to the Treasurer of the Council, Mr. Lewis B. Franklin, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Thomas F. Gailor, President, National Council.

### To Give His Life Ministering to Deaf

On St. Andrew's Day, in All Souls' Church for the Deaf, Philadelphia, Pa., the Rev. Henry J. Pulver was advanced to the Priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Mr. Pulver is a deaf man and studied for Holy Orders in the Philadelphia Divinity School and the Virginia Theological Seminary. He will continue as missionary to the deaf in the Dioceses of Washington, Virginia, Southern Virginia, Southwestern Virgina, and West Virginia, making his headquarters at Washington, D. C. In the ordination service the candidate was presented by the Rev. H. C. Merrill, missionary to the deaf in the Dioceses of Albany, Central New York, and Western New York; the Rev. F. C. Smielau, missionary to the deaf in the Dioceses of Bethlehem, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Erie, preached the sermon, and the Rev. O. J. Whildin, Diocesan Missionary to the Deaf in Maryland,

read the Litany.

The Rev. C. O. Dantzer, pastor of All Souls' church for the Deaf, was prevented by illness from taking part in the service. He has been in the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, for some weeks, but, at last accounts, was somewhat better.

#### No Dancer for St. Marks', New York

The Bishop of New York has received letters of earnest protest from many parts of the country in regard to an announcement widely published in the newspapers that a notorious dancer whose exhibitions have aroused great criticism in many cf our cities would appear and speak at St.

Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie, New York.

In answer to these letters of protest, Bishop Manning wishes to state that the dancer referred to will not speak at St. Mark's Church nor appear in any connection with the Church or its services.

### Death of Secretary of House of Deputies

Rev. Dr. Henry Anstice from 1877 to 1904 assistant secretary and from 1904 to 1922 secretary of house of deputies and twenty-seven years member of board of missions died suddenly last Friday. Dr. Anstice was in his 81st year.

### Chancellor C. Larue Munson Passes Away in China

Christ Church, Williamsport, and the Diocese of Harrisburg, met with an irreparable loss in the death on Dec. 8th, of Cyrus La Rue Munson, Chancellor of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Mr. Munson passed away in the Rockefeller Hospital, Peking, China, on the eve of the day set for his embarking for home with Mrs. Munson, and other members of the party with whom he was travelling. His body will be brought to Williamsport for burial. Mr. Munson was in his seventieth year, and is survived by his widow, and two sons, Edgar Munson, of Williamsport, and George Sharp Munson, of Philadelphia.

### Church to Have Adequate Plant in Atlanta

Ground was broken on November 11th for the new \$100,000 plant for the Church of the Epiphany in Atlanta of which the Rev. Russel K. Smith is Rector.

The former church was built in a small triangle in the residential section of the city and became entirely inadequate as the years went by and the parish grew. There was no room for expansion on the old lot so, last summer, when the Gulf Refining Company offered to buy the property and erect gasoline filling station on it the vestry accepted their offer and promptly sold securing four very desirable lots in the best section of Inman Park for \$10,000. The new location gives much room for expansion and places the church in the most strategic position of any church in the section.

The new plant will consist of four units -the Church building, Parish House, a gymnasium and playground. The Church and Parish House will be connected by a colonnade and the playground will cover a city block.

#### Community House Opens at Sedalia, Colorado

A new parish and community house has just been opened in St. Philip's parish, Sedalia, Colorado.

### Mr. Pershing Leads a Bible Class

Mr. James H. Pershing of the National Council is leading a Bible class in St. Barnabas', Denver, studying the teachings of the Church Year, in Collect, Epistle, and Gospel.

### The Witness Fund

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#### Dr. Stewart to Speak at Princeton

The rector of St. Luke's Church, Evanston, Dr. George Craig Stewart, was one of two speakers at the mass meeting in Buffalo arranged by Bishop Brent for the evening of November 16th. On December 6th he was the lecturer on "Preaching" at Bexley Hall, Gambier, Ohio. Dr. Stewart is to be the special preacher at Princeton University on January 21st, to 24th, 1923.

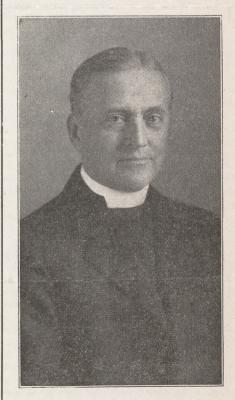
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### THE ABILITY TO APPRECIATE

#### By Bishop Johnson

Real gratitude is a rare virtue.

Any pastor or philanthropist can testify that those who are most willing to receive gifts are usually the least grateful. The greatest danger in profuse charity is that it is so apt to produce professional beggars who feel no gratitude.

I am very sure that God knows this, because it so frequently happens that those to whom He gives the most, appreci-

ate His goodness the least.

He gave to the world great prophets, and men stoned them-Stephen and Socrates and Savanarola alike. He gave His only begotten Son and they crucified Him. He gave men a cornucopia of blessings and men showed their appreciation by in-

venting blasphemy.

It is apparent that those who receive most from God often repay Him with a curse, while another says his grace over

a crust of bread.

Ingratitude to God is as wicked as it is common-and it is so insidious that those who are most ungrateful are frequently least conscious of their ingratitude.

Men justify ingratitude on the ground of thoughtlessness. "I received God's blessing but I forgot to show my appreciation." "It is true that I swear occasionally, but I do not mean anything by it."

Truly, the words "think" and "thank" are closely related.

The man who doesn't think never thanks.

It is no excuse to plead thoughtlessness unless we are willing to admit imbecility.

It is so characteristic of our national thoughtlessness that we do not think even on the great days set apart for thinking.

Note the observance of our great na-

tional feast days.

On Thanksgiving Day, it is the old cry of the Roman mob, "Bread and Games!" which being interpreted into American, means "Turkey and Football," and this usually without any expression of thanks.

On Fourth of July, there is the same neglect of the day's significance.

We observe Christmas and leave out both Christ and the Mass.

Where is the reality? Where the sincerity? Where the earnestness? If the people are going to forget their gratitude for their blessings?

On Thanksgiving Day we recognize that God is a person. One cannot thank a faucet. We also recognize that we are the beneficiaries and God is the donor.

If we believe that every good gift cometh from above, from our Father in Heaven, then we must do one of two things, either learn to receive our blessings as a son full of gratitude and honor; or else if we continue to receive without gratitude the gifts of God, we become a professional beggar in God's sight.

Gratitude involves some outward expression on our part.

We do not care to receive implied blessings from God. I am sure that he does not wish to receive implied thanks from us.

Worship is a gentleman's return for favors received.

"He that giveth me thanks and praise he honoreth me."

I am sure that the world would be without moral purpose if there were no personal God to whom we are beholden for favors and to whom in return we give thanks and praise.

Gratitude is a rare virtue because behind the virtue is the discipline of a trained life.

The training that we give our children in manners is done that they may be gracious toward their fellowmen in society.

The training that we children of God take on in the Christian life is cheerfully undertaken in order that we may be gracious toward our Father in Heaven.

No one enjoys the tedium of training but it is necessary in order that we may find a joy in running the race that is set hefore ms

We cannot win the race joyously unless we are willing to take on the discipline of training eagerly.

There are three steps that lead us up to an appreciation of God's goodness.

1st-An interest in God and His Righteousness.

2nd-An enthusiasm for that Righteousness.

3nd-An appreciation of God's good-

The boy who dismisses his duty to his father's house by saying "I am not interested," will make neither a good son, a good husband or a good father.

It is characteristic of an ox that it lacks interest in things.

A man's life consisteth in the number of things in which he has a vital interest. And this interest always begets enthusi-It is not the fashion of modern society to have enthusiasms.

A poverty stricken mind with a full purse has dominated society too much.

When Christ saw the enthusiasm of children on Palm Sunday, He approved of it and He rebuked the cynicism of good society in Jerusalem, by saying that "if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

It is not the same thing to suppress enthusiasm as it is to regulate it.

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art or in religion, then and only then will you find an enthusiasm for these things. So said St. Paul:

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"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned, but he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.'

How frequently you hear people complain that they are not appreciated.

This is due partly to the fact that there isn't much in them worthy of appreciation, and partly to the fact that those about have very poor faculties of appreciation.

Probably we need to be diverted from the thought, "What do people think of me," and to concentrate on the thought, "What am I really?" 赤

St. Paul speaks in one place of one "being able to comprehend."

Few people were able to comprehend the beauty of Christ's character.

Few people are looking for the beauty of true righteousness.

That is why so many people are able to impress others with a merely superficial culture.

Christ is like some old masterpiece on the walls of a village home.

People have looked at it for centuries and to them it has been just a picture.

But an artist comes along who has taken an interest in art and has an enthusiasm for real art and he at once appreciates that which has been neglected for years.

So an appreciation of goodness in others is formed only by an interest in, an enthusiasm for the things that make for righteousness.

Then, and then only, are we duly appreciative of God's mercies.

If we would really live, as God intended us to live, we must be willing to make the effort to comprehend.

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#### TEACHING FACTS

In the answers to the questions which I put in The Witness of November 11th, one child said that Jerusalem was in South America. (Will some one page Columbus, and notify Thos. Cook and Son?)

We must not blame the child. Several grown-ups have admitted to me that they could not answer the questions.

Now, what is the trouble with our teach-My own belief is that we do not sufficiently drill the children in essential facts, facts that are a background for the child's education.

We have so much teaching material that it results in confusion. It is my firm conviction that we should have groups of related facts and that parents and teachers should unite in an effort to drill the children, in an interesting way. I do not mean the unimportant facts such as lists of names, or books of the Bible, but facts that direct a child's thinking, and act as guides to his development.

For every teacher who is a really inspiring, constructive teacher, there are three who can become drill masters. If the drill masters prepare the way, an inspired teacher can take a whole school, and make a lesson live.

No subject is taught in school, and no new subject is taught in college, without some drill in definitions and facts. If you take a college course in biology, you must learn several hundred names, definitions and classifications before you are prepared to go on.

May I give an illustration. Let us all learn this fact.

There are three orders of Ministers in Christ's Church-Bishops, Priests, and

Read this until you have it as a permanent possession. Every other title such as Rector, Dean, or Preacher, refers to the nature of one's work in the Church, or to an office in the Church, but every Dean, Rector, Canon, Vicar, Coadjutor, or Archdeacon is, so far as Holy Orders are concerned, either a Bishop, a Priest, or a Deacon. The Rev. Mr. Spofford is business manager of The Witness, but he is a priest. Dean Mercer is head of Bexley Theological School, but he is a priest. Canon Abbott is Senior Canon of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, but he is a priest. Archdeacon Patterson of Ohio is a priest. I am Rector of a parish but I am a priest. I have a Curate, but he is a priest. Bishop Johnson was first a deacon, then a priest, then a Bishop. One may be Archbishop, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Missionary Bishop, or a retired Bishop, but, he is a Bishop. Learn the fundamental facts and you will have substantial basis for further study.

### ANOTHER EXAMINATION

(Teachers and parents are urged to give the children this examination. Save the papers, and compare them with the answers which will appear in The Witness very soon. I should be glad if teachers would send me a report of curious or incorrest answers, combined from all the papers.)

(1) The following abbreviations are used in the Prayer Book. Write the full word of which each is the abbreviation.

Rom.	Col.
Matt.	Thess.
Cor	Ephes.
Phil.	Isa.
Heb.	Pet.
Rev.	Jer.
Gal.	Mal.
Eph.	Tim.

- (2) Designate which of the above are Gospels, and which are Epistles.
- (3) Many incorrect words and phrases are used in this brief statement, which follows. Copy the statement using the correct phrases and words.
- 'At St. John's Episcopal Church, last Sabbath evening, there was a service of Confirmation. The main auditorium was filled with a large audience. The choir marched in and enter the pulpit, and after a song Rev. Smith, the preacher of St. John's confirmed the large class. The Bishop preached a sermon. Ten men, twenty women and fourteen children joined the Church."
- (4) Name the first five books of the New Testament in their proper oracr.
- (5) Name at least four of the Twelve Apostles.
- (6) Can you state any books of the Old Testament in which you find Jesus Christ mentioned by name?
- (7) Define the following words: Psalter; Litany; Te Deum; Collect; Rubric; Proper Preface; Deacon.
- 8) What festival of the Church occurs each week?
- (9) Can you have a Church building without a pulpit? (Give a reason for your
- (10) By what rite or ceremony does one become a member of Christ's Church?

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### Palaces Shelter Orphans

(Continued from front page) the day in study and half in labor, in the shops or on the farm. Here in the shoe shops fifty dollars' worth of leather in the boys' hands is turned into two-hundred dollars' worth of shoes. A bolt of cloth is skillfully made up into serviceable clothing and common clay is turned over as sun-dried bricks for homes, or shaped on the potter's wheel into household dishes.

At Nazareth, where Jesus spent His growing boyhood, and "increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man," a battalion of boys of twelve years of age are finding a home and moral equipment for life. A fertile farm of sixty acres, lately acquired, has building which will shelter three hundred and sixty boys, and buildings will be erected for a thousand more. Another group of these destitute children is gathering at Bethlehem. Here they will be glad to rest even in a manger, after having been buffeted. like stray dogs in devastated cities, whose streets were stained red with blood of their massacred parents.

The vast German warehouses at Derind je on the Gulf of Ismid, became a refuge en route and the huge store of "gunnybags" designed for sand bags to block the Suez Canal, supplied hammock beds, and even clothing for the children.

The governments of the Near East were quick to devote any properties suitable and available to house these vast life-saving and life-conserving enterprises. And the Near East Relief shelters the greatest orphanage system in the world in these requisitioned homes of Kaisers, monks and warriors. Little did the projectors and architects of these palaces, monasteries, and barracks dream that they were thus building for the refuge and relief of human suffering.

In ten years Americans have placed in the hands of Near East Relief fully seventy million dollars which has relieved dis tress so poignant and pitiful that it has not been equalled in any former period. In its administration for the succor of refugees and orphaned and abandoned children, a force of Christian folk of all faiths have ministered with a loving care that has softened and sweetened the bitterness of the experiences of a martyred race.

Dollars go a long way in these lands and are so widely spent that they do not breed a generation of dependents. The paltry sum of five dollars a month will meet the living and educational necessities and training of a child; sixty dollars provides a year's support and three hundred dollars will "see it through" for five years, and fit a boy or girl for a life of economic independence.

This Christmas season finds the section of the world where the Gospel took its rise to bless and spread its cheer throughout all lands, blasted and blighted by the most awful human tragedy that has shocked the centuries. American intervention bas been too long withheld. Let Americans now throw our dollars into the breach to stay the hand of devastating death. We may yet save a remnant and redeem our indifference in some small measure. The observers from the field declare that it is impossible to keep alive more than one refugee in four. Action must be quick. Christian America's answer must be by telegraph.

Baron Shibusawa, Japan's eminent statesman, when learning of the needs of these thousands of orphans whom America has undertaken to relieve, demanded a part of the enterprise, saying: "We ct Japan are human beings and those children are human beings. Let us take care of a thousand of them." And then he called in seventy-one of the leading editors, laid the matter before them and gained their support to the appeal. No city in Christian America can do less, and

heart when little children are crying bitterly for a crust of bread and for Christian fathering and mothering.

### Gift Enables Racine Conference to be Resumed

The report of the Department of Religious Education at the Council Meeting included the information that the Department, in trying to comply with the resolution of General Convention, had consolidated six Commissions, placing all under one new commission to be known as the Commission on Church Schools.

A gift of \$15,000 from Mrs. Mortimer Matthews of Ohio, and the cooperation of Bishop Webb enabled the Department of Religious Education to recommend to the Council the appointment of a committee composed of the President, Vice President, the Executive Secretary of the Depart. ment and Miss Elizabeth Matthews, to formulate and execute plans to use Racine College for conferences of small groups of students or Church Workers, and for the revival of the Racine Summer Conference which was most successful for four years and abandoned for the lack of adequate accommodations. The committee will also look toward the establishment of a school for training Church Workers, providing such a plan can be developed for The Council adopted a this purpose. resolution of thanks to Mrs. Matthews for her generous gift.

An opportunity was given to the Department of Religious Education to assist in the establishment of a school of Religion at the University of Wisconsin. The Department was able to secure the services of Professor Frank Gavin. This was reported to the Council, and received its endorsement.

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### Social Service Editorial By Dr. William S. Keller

#### FALLACY OF APPOINTMENTS

There was a meeting of the chairmen and representatives of the Diocesan Social Service Committees of the Mid-West Province, held at Chase House, Chicago, the day preceding the meeting of the Synod.

Eight of the twelve dioceses were represented. A resolution was passed, asking the Council to recommend to the body of the Synod that the canons be revised so as to permit the dioceses to elect their own representative to the Provincial Social Service Department. In accordance with the wishes of the committee, the canons were changed to meet this request.

The Provincial Social Service Department is very anxious to establish a program that will be of such scientific and practical importance as to justify, at least in part, the Provincial form of organiza-There are a few Bishops in the tion. Province who have not as yet seen fit to release the chairmanship of this committee in their respective diocese. The appointment of Vice-Chairman in these dioceses has been made and the Bishop has retained the chairmanship.

In view of the very great inactivity of these Diocesan Social Service Departments, and the already overcrowded program of the average Bishop, it is hoped that the fallacy of such vice-chairman appointments may soon be seen, and, in such dioceses where these conditions exist, immediate steps may be taken to release the chairmanship to the men now holding the office of Vice-chairman. By so doing, these men will have some definite authority to represent their Diocese and thus facilitate the activity of the Provincial Department.

#### Dr. Drown Speaks at C. L. I. D. Meeting

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The Boston Branch of the Church League for Industrial Democracy has planned this year to hold four labor suppers preceded by short service of intercession The first of these took place at Emmanuel Church.

The service was conducted by the Rev. William Laurence Wood and an address given by Dr. Edward S. Drown of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge who spoke of the joy which is given to those who seek for the Kingdom even if they do not attain in full its promises

The subject of the speakers at the super was "Labor Colleges." The first per was speaker, Henry W. L. Dana, instructor in literature at the Boston Trade Union College, gave a brief history of the movement for the education of the working man both in England and in America. He told of two labor colleges in England, Ruskin College at Oxford, the first to be founded and the more conservative, and the Central Labor College, an offshoot of this, radical, which has for its gospel the economies theories of Karl Marx. Between these two colleges, meeting the needs of the moderates, both of the right and of the left, is the Workingman's Educational Association with its extension courses for workingmen given by members of Oxford and Cambridge to self-organized classes of workingmen, both in England and in her colonies. This latter movement has as its organ a paper, the name of which, "The Highway," is significant. It treats of the education of the workingman not as a ladder by which he may mount up from one class to another, but as a highway along which he may progress while remaining among his fellows. The Labor Colleges in America are, he said, supported for the most part by unions. These colleges are co-ordinated and kept in touch one with another by a national institution, the Workingman's Educational Bureau.
The summer school for working women at Bryn Mawr College, and the extension courses for workingmen given by Amherst College are exceptions to the general rule. In conclusion, Prof. Dana pointed out how little hope there was for democracy unless the workingman was educated, and urged the members of the Church League to support the movement.

#### Memorial Pews for Old Family Servants

Memorial pews in memory of old faithful servants of the South and elsewhere, is an idea conceived by the Rev. J. Henry Brown, vicar of St. Augustine's Church, (colored) Savannah, and towards the completion of the idea, four pews have already been promised for this mission, one to be given by the Bishop of Georgia as a tribute to the "Mammy" who lives in Macon, and who pays an annual visit to the family of Bishop Reese.

The idea underlying these gifts is to have a perpetual memory of good will that existed between the races in the South before the war between the States and during the reconstruction period, and now as promoted by the racial relationship commission.

It is proposed by Archdeacon Brown to have the gifts not only as memorial of old "mammies" and others who have gone, but as tributes to those who are living. Among others who have promised pews besides Bishop Reese, are the employers of "Mother Precilla Hammond" who has

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#### Fifty-Fifty for the Honolulu Children

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### Reminiscences of a Sick Priest

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Of the two words, "serenity" and "tranquility," I do not know which one to choose as a concise description of the greatest lack of modern clergy. The spirit of 'vim, hustle and pep" seems to have captured us to such an extent that to be described as "active and vigorous" is the most coveted compliment. The same characteristics, we think, go to make the successful priest which make the successful haberdasher or grocer. Like them, we gauge each other's success by the financial reports of our parishes. Like them, we throw ourselves into community work and become "boosters." Like them, our chief end in life seems to be to keep on the move. We want big cities, big churches, big salaries, big confirmation classes, big receptions, big contributors, big Sunday Schools, big congregations, big reputations. So we don't let any grass grow under our feet.

I am one of the casualties. For two months, now, I have been sitting in an easy chair looking out over the water and thinking about it. Three years ago I came home from France, where I had served in the ranks, was priested and sent to a small parish in a "live" Southern diocese. I was "full of pep." I doubled the parish communicant list. I started a public library (which failed, because no one, not even myself, had any time to read). I organized a golf club. I ran an Odd Fellow degree team. I organized the American Legion. I took over and operated a building and loan association. I took twenty delinquent boys and taught them for a year. And when I was wounded, I had two new projects on hand—a military company and a Rotary Club.

I did not neglect my parish. I preached reasonably good sermons-nearly always from manuscript. I took care of the sick, and I made my parish calls faithfully. I studied intermittently. But I had no time to rest. I was never serene. I was never tranquil. I imagined that everything depended on me, so I always had to hurry. Quite often I thrilled when I heard people say, "There's one parson who isn't lazy," or something like that.

And now, I've had two months to think about it-and to ask myself what contribution I really made to the life of the community-and to wonder what contribution a priest ought to make.

I have reached a conclusion. I succeeded in intensifying an already over-intense community life. I succeeded in speeding up a few people who were already exceeding the speed limit. I played a trombone in a community jazz band. I was one of the bunch-contributing little that wasn't being contributed already by the butcher and baker and candlestick maker. Some day, before very long I hope, I am going back (my parish refused to accept my resignation and gave me a leave of absence instead) and I think I will have a real contribution to make.

I am going to contribute to a "live" town either 'tranquility" or "serenity." I can't choose between them, as my dictionary is back home in my study.

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